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Reply To : HPR-ID

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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #s 11 and 12

Dear Ms. Lowe:

This is reply to your two May 27, 2009 letters requesting FHWA approval of amendments to Idaho's 2009 STIP as follows:

Amendment #11:

Key #01222: US-2 Dover Bridge, additional funding for pathway.
Key #11031: US-95, Moscow Passing Lanes, additional funding for animal detection.
Key #11932: I-84, Ten Mile Landscaping, new project.
Key #11960: ITD Artifact Curation and Management, new project.
Key #11961: SH-21, Wildlife Collision Avoidance, new project.
Key #11963: US-20, Island Park Wildlife Collision Study, new project.
Key #11964: Grouped Pedestrian Project, new project.

Each of the above projects is programmed for ARRA funds.

Amendment #12:

Key #11962: City of Rocks Back Country Byway, Stage 4, construction funding.
Key #11606: Sh-24, Milner Gooding Canal to Shoshone HS, move from 2013 to 2009.
Key #09213: US 93, 100 N Road to Newman's Corner, move from 2011 to 2009.
Key #11224: Local Pavement Mgt., project removed from program.



In addition, we acknowledge your clarification that Project Key #11932, I-84, Ten Mile Landscaping has been removed from your earlier STIP Amendment #5 request and is not addressed in STIP Amendment #11.

Because the projects affected by this action are neither intermodal in nature nor of any consequence to the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. For Project Key #'s 01222, 11031, 11932, 11960, 11961, 11963, 11964, 11606 and 09213, the proposed changes involve projects which qualify for grouped status per 23 CFR 450.324(f); therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. All projects except Key #11932 are located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. Project Key #11932 is, by its nature, exempt from Idaho's air quality nonattainment and maintenance requirements; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
4. The proposed amendments are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment #s 11 and 12 are approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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